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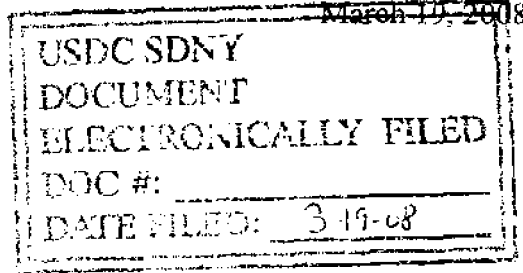
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BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable J. John F. Keenan
United States District Court Judge
United States Courthouse
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl St., Room 1930
New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Francis Alberto Hilario
Case No. 07-CR-1034 (JFK)

Your Honor:

Greetings. Mr. Hilario is scheduled for a status conference before Your Honor on March 20, 2008 at 9:45 am..

The Defense has received discovery from the government.

The Defense and the government are still engaged in ongoing plea discussions which may result in the disposition of this matter without a trial.

For the foregoing reasons, the Defense respectfully request that the status conference be continued until May 19, 2008 at 9:45a.m., a time and date convenient to the Court as per your Courtroom Deputy, Mr. Bill Ryan.

A.U.S.A Kenneth Polite joins in this continuance request.

The Defense and the Government therefore respectfully request an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C 3161(h)(8)(A) from March 20, 2008, until May 19, 2008, on the grounds that the ends of justice served by the exclusion outweigh the interest of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial.

Continuance granted

*Ag. ordered John F. Keenan
March 19 2008 J.A.K.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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SO ORDERED:

John F. Keenan
United States District Court Judge

OS/rs

cc: A.U.S.A Kenneth A. Polite

3/19/08